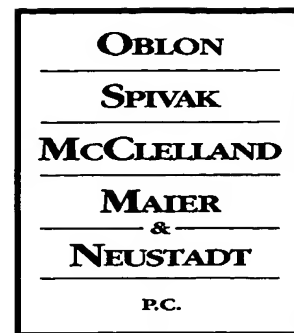




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/829,173

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING VERTICAL  
MOS GATE STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2826

Examiner: Dickey, Thomas L.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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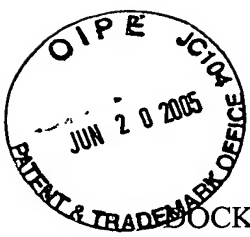
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In response to the election requirement dated May 18, 2005, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 1-17, drawn to a device, classified in class 257, subclass 300, for further examination on the merits. Applicants further elect the species of the second embodiment, identified in the Official Action as shown in Figures 5, 10 and 11, for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 1-8 and 10 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-8 and 10 is in order and is respectfully requested.

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